

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 and 18 remain pending in the application and have been allowed. Claims 8-17 and 19-23 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. The application should therefore be in condition for allowance.

Non-elected claims 8-17, 19, 21 and 23 have been canceled. Regarding rejected claims 20 and 22, applicants do not necessarily agree with the basis for the rejections. Nevertheless, applicants are canceling the claims in the interest of expediting favorable prosecution.

Accordingly, all claims 1-7 and 18 are allowed and the application is in condition for allowance. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Should a petition for an extension of time be necessary for the timely reply to the outstanding Office Action (or if such a petition has been made and an additional extension is necessary), petition is hereby made and the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees (including additional claim fees) to Deposit Account No. 18-0988.

Respectfully submitted,

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